38: Dobell--43 [3] G-2 (1812-13) 1830 Yakut
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"In general they are great talkers, and too much disposed to litigation. To gratify this passion, they have obtained permission from the Government of Irkutsk to have what is called in Russian a doom, or petty court of justice of their own, where their golovoi, or head man, with some of the princes, presides to decide the quarrels and disputes which occur amongst them. As the doom is at Yakutsk, of course the golovoi and the princes who preside, are obliged to live there, at a great expense; and this expense is paid by the Oulooses in general: they also receive handsome salaries. Here, then, is another plan of enriching the rich and impoverishing the poor; for I have been confidently informed that it has produced no good whatever; on the contrary, the Yakuts are constantly dissatisfied with the decisions and almost invariably refer their causes to the Russian tribunals for a final settlement."